

At 30-day mark, shutdown logjam remains over border funding

By JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty days into the partial government shutdown, Democrats and Republicans appeared no closer to ending the impasse Sunday than when it began, with President Donald Trump lashing out at his opponents after they dismissed a plan he'd billed as a compromise. Trump had offered the previous day to temporarily extend protections for young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children and those fleeing disaster

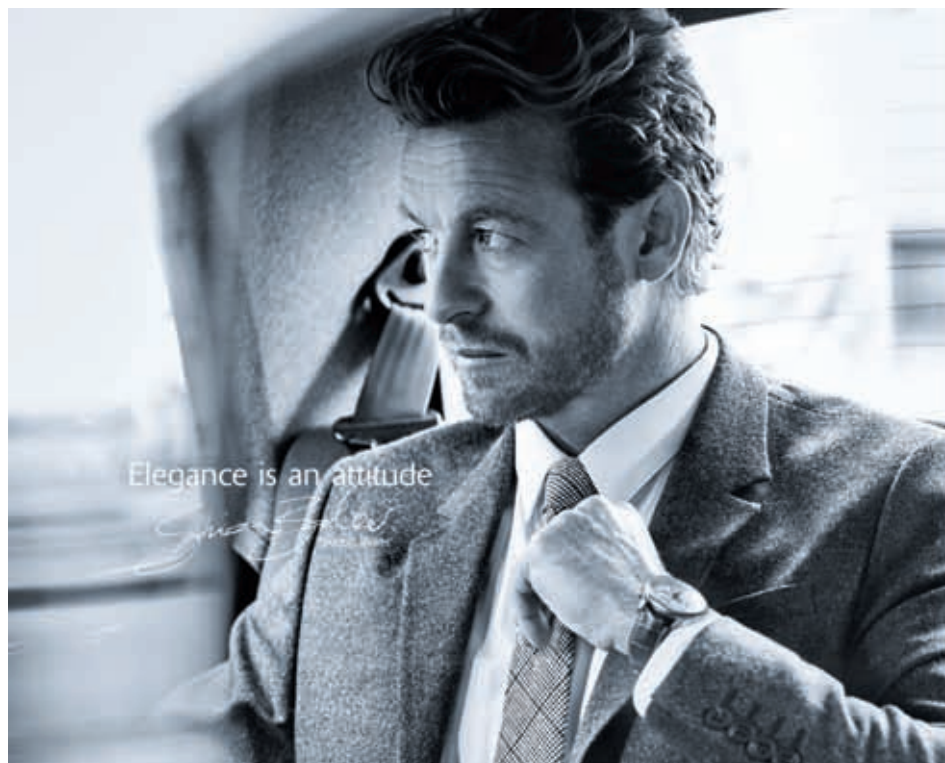
zones in exchange for \$5.7 billion for his border wall. But Democrats said the three-year proposal didn't go nearly far enough. On Sunday, Trump branded House Speaker Nancy Pelosi a "radical" and said she was acting "irrationally." The president also tried to fend off criticism from the right, as conservatives accused him of embracing "amnesty" for immigrants in the country illegally.

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President Donald Trump speaks about the partial government shutdown, immigration and border security in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House, in Washington, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019.

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Giuliani: 'So what' if Trump and Cohen discussed testimony

By **ERIC TUCKER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani left open Sunday the possibility that Trump and former personal attorney Michael Cohen might have discussed Cohen's congressional testimony.

But, he added, "so what" if he did? Giuliani told CNN's "State of the Union" that he did not know if Trump had discussed with Cohen a 2017 congressional interview at which Cohen has admitted lying about a Trump Tower real estate project in Moscow. He also acknowledged in a separate interview with NBC News that conversations about that project stretched throughout 2016, including possibly up until October or November of that year. The question arose in light of a BuzzFeed News report from last week that said Trump had instructed Cohen to lie to Congress and that Cohen relayed that to special counsel Robert Mueller's team of investigators. Mueller's office took the unusual step of issuing a statement disputing the story.



In this Aug. 1, 2018 file photo, Rudy Giuliani, an attorney for President Donald Trump, addresses a gathering during a campaign event in Portsmouth, N.H.

BuzzFeed said it stands by its reporting.

Giuliani said in interviews with CNN and NBC that Trump never directed Cohen to lie to lawmakers. But on CNN he acknowledged the possibility that Trump and Cohen might have discussed Cohen's testimony, saying that while he had no knowledge of such a conversation, he wasn't ruling it out and that it'd be "perfectly normal" anyway. "I don't know if it hap-

pened or didn't happen," Giuliani said, later adding, "And so what if he talked to him about it?"

Giuliani's suggestion that dialogue about the Trump Tower project could have stretched into the fall of 2016 extends the timeline for negotiations well beyond what the president has publicly acknowledged. Cohen pleaded guilty to lying to Congress by saying that he had abandoned the project in

January 2016 even though prosecutors say he actually continued pursuing it into that June. Giuliani said on NBC's "Meet The Press" that Trump recalled having conversations with Cohen about the project throughout 2016, though there "weren't a lot of them." "The president also remembers -- yeah, probably up -- could be up to as far as October, November," Giuliani said. "Our answers cover until the election. So

anytime during that period they could've talked about it. But the president's recollection of it is that the, the thing had petered out quite a bit."

Giuliani made a similar comment last month on ABC News when he suggested that the president knew that Cohen was pursuing the project into 2016. "According to the answer that he gave, it would have covered all the way up to — covered up to November, 2016. Said he had conversations with him but the president didn't hide this," Giuliani said.

Rep. Adam Schiff, a California Democrat and chairman of the House intelligence committee, said the panel planned to investigate why Cohen made false statements to Congress and determine what exactly Cohen and Trump might have discussed about his testimony.

"Congress has a fundamental interest in two things first in getting to the bottom of why a witness came before us and lied and who else was knowledgeable that this was a lie," Schiff said on CBS' "Face the Nation." □

Former CIA officer portrayed in 'Argo' film dead at 78

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — A former CIA technical operations officer who helped rescue six U.S. diplomats from Iran in 1980 and was portrayed by Ben Affleck in the film "Argo," has died. He was 78. A family statement and his literary agent confirmed that Antonio "Tony" Mendez died Saturday at an assisted-living center in Frederick, Maryland. He had suffered from Parkinson's disease, according to the statement. Specializing in covert operations, Mendez helped devise the plan under which six diplomats who were in hiding were disguised as a Canadian film crew so they could board a flight and escape the country amid the Iran hostage crisis. The daring plot — for years a side note



In an Oct. 10, 2012 file photo, Antonio "Tony" Mendez, former CIA technical operations officer, poses for photographers at the premiere of the film Argo in Washington.

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to the 52 people held hostage for 444 days — captured the public's attention in "Argo," which won the 2013 Oscar for best picture.

Mendez, who joined the CIA after getting recruited in 1965, spent his 25-year career working undercover in Cold War battle-

grounds, including the Soviet Union. Working as a "chief of disguise," Mendez and his workers helped secret agents remain secret through creating false documents and disguises, according to a biography for his first book, "The Master of Disguise; My Secret Life in the CIA." "Tony Mendez was a true American hero. He was a man of extraordinary grace, decency, humility and kindness," Affleck tweeted Saturday. "He never sought the spotlight for his actions, he merely sought to serve his country. I'm so proud to have worked for him and to have told one of his stories."

The "Argo" screenplay, based on another Mendez memoir and also an Oscar winner, was liberally embel-

lished for the big screen. The six Americans' passage through the Tehran airport and onto a plane was uneventful, Mendez wrote. But the movie portrayed a white-knuckle takeoff at the Tehran airport, with Iranian assault teams racing behind the jet down the runway. Born in Nevada, Mendez moved to Colorado at age 14, attended the University of Colorado and worked for Martin Marietta on the Titan intercontinental missile, according to the online biography. He was recruited for the CIA in Denver through a blind ad. In less than two years, the biography says, he and his family had moved overseas while Mendez worked in South and Southeast Asia. □

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"No, Amnesty is not a part of my offer," Trump tweeted, noting that he'd offered temporary, three-year extensions — not permanent relief. But he added: "Amnesty will be used only on a much bigger deal, whether on immigration or something else."

The criticism from both sides underscored Trump's boxed-in position as he tries to win at least some Democratic buy-in without alienating his base.

With hundreds of thousands of federal workers set to face another federal pay period without paychecks, the issue passed to the Senate, where Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has agreed to bring Trump's proposal to the floor this week.

Democrats say there's little chance the measure will reach the 60-vote threshold usually required to advance legislation in the Senate. Republicans have a 53-47 majority, which means they need at least some Democrats to vote in favor.

McConnell has long tried to avoid votes on legislation that is unlikely to become law. And the Kentucky Republican has said for weeks that he has no interest in "show votes" aimed only at forcing members to take sides after Trump rejected the Senate's earlier bipartisan bill to avert the shutdown.

What's unclear is how McConnell will bring Trump's plan forward — or when voting will begin. The Re-

publican leader is a well-known architect of complicated legislative maneuvers. One question is whether he would allow a broader immigration debate with amendments to Trump's plan on the Senate floor.

One key Republican, Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma, said that he and other lawmakers had been encouraging the White House to put an offer on the table — any offer — to get both sides talking.

"Get something out there the president can say, 'I can support this,' and it has elements from both sides, put it on the table, then open it up for debate," Lankford said on ABC's "This Week."

"The vote this week in the Senate is not to pass the bill, it is to open up and say 'Can we debate this? Can we amend it? Can we make changes?'" Lankford said. "Let's find a way to be able to get the government open because there are elements in this that have been supported by Democrats strongly in the past."

"The president really wants to come to an agreement here. He has put offers on the table," said Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., on NBC's "Meet the Press." "The responsible thing for the Democrats to do is put a counteroffer on the table if you don't like this one."

Vice President Mike Pence said on "Fox News Sunday" that Trump had "set the table for a deal that will address the crisis on our border, secure our border




President Donald Trump departs after speaking about the partial government shutdown, immigration and border security in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House, in Washington, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019.

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and give us a pathway" to reopen the government. Democrats, however, continue to say that they will not negotiate with Trump until he ends the shutdown, the longest in American history.

"The starting point of this negotiation ought to be reopening the government," Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., told NBC. "We cannot reward the kind of behavior of hostage taking. Because if the president can arbitrarily shut down the government now, he will do it time and again." □



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GOP senators try to figure how out closely to run with Trump

By **NICHOLAS RICCARDI, ADAM BEAM and DAVID SHARP**

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Republican Sen. Cory Gardner helped mastermind the GOP's midterm strategy of pushing Senate candidates closer to President Donald Trump. But heading into his own 2020 re-election bid in Colorado, he's allowing more distance with the not-so-popular president.

And he's not alone.

Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina is reviving his proposal for an immigration deal as part of talks to reopen the government. Centrist Sen. Susan Collins, who did not support Trump in 2016, faces a delicate balancing. In Arizona, Sen. Martha



In this Dec. 31, 2018, file photo, Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., arrives at the Senate Chamber for an abbreviated pro-forma session at the Capitol in Washington.

Associated Press

McSally has to consider her proximity to Trump as she runs to keep the seat she was appointed to after having lost to a Democrat in November.

As Republican senators set out to run for re-election in states where views on Trump are mixed, they're trying to figure out how closely to align themselves

with Trump.

"I made it clear when I ran for Senate that, when my party's wrong, I'm going to say it," Gardner said in an interview.

Gardner is one of two Republican senators up for re-election in states won by Democrat Hillary Clinton in the last presidential election; Collins is the other.

Democrats will be on offense in 2020, on much easier terrain with a wider map of incumbent Republicans at risk. Winning the Senate majority will require a net gain of at least three seats — four if Republicans hold the White House.

Democrats are expected to target Tillis and McSally, representing states where demographics are shifting against Republicans and where Democrats recently won statewide elections. Democrats also hope to field a strong candidate against Sen. David Purdue in Georgia, which has been trending their way, and are watching Kansas, where Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has been mentioned as a possible contender for a seat opening up due to a retirement. Mike Noble, a Republican pollster in Arizona, said the 2020 election in Arizona probably will be a repeat of what McSally just encountered in 2018. She hewed close to Trump to survive a GOP primary but was rejected by voters in the general election.

"This is just a replication of the situation she was put in during the campaign," Noble said.

Republicans now hold a 53-47 edge in the Senate. While Republicans will try to protect their incumbents, they also will look to take on Democratic senators on the ballot in states won by

Trump. They include Sen. Gary Peters in Michigan, though Democrats won a Senate race in the state handily in November, and Sen. Doug Jones in Alabama.

Strategists say it's much too early to assess how shutdown politics or other developments this early in the campaign cycle will influence the 2020 Senate map, if at all. "The presidential race drives the messaging," Forti said. "It'll be a struggle down ballot to be heard."

Some Republicans seem certain to position themselves closer to Trump as they see the political power he brings to their home states. McConnell, who was initially cool to Trump's candidacy, has since embraced him, particularly on the shutdown strategy.

In daily speeches in the Senate, McConnell is backing up Trump. Some voters seem pleased with the turn of events.

"Up until this year I wasn't really too fond of Sen. McConnell," said 76-year-old Sandy Furjanic, who lives in Princeton, Kentucky. But this year, she says McConnell has shown he is "supporting the president, unlike some other Republicans I know."

In Maine, Collins' brand of centrist politics is being put to the test. She is the last Senate Republican in New England, but voters are known for splitting their tickets and independents comprise the largest voting bloc. Democrats are eager to take her on. But no big-name Democratic candidates have stepped forward to challenge her, despite early rumblings about former U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice jumping in the race. □

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Deputies shoot man after he kills 4, including baby daughter

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A rural Oregon man killed four members of his family at the home they shared and was shot by sheriff's deputies as he tried to kill a girl, authorities said.

Mark Leo Gregory Gago, 42, killed his parents, his girlfriend and their infant daughter Saturday night before deputies shot him, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office said.

The victims were not shot, The Oregonian reported. Sheriff's Office Sgt. Brian Jensen said the causes of death will be investigated. "We're not sure what was used at this time," Jensen told reporters near the scene Sunday. "I've been told that there were numerous weapons, swords, things of that nature in the residence. The investigators are trying to determine what exactly was used to kill each person."

The sheriff's office identified

the victims as Olivia Gago, 9 months, Shaina Sweitzer, 31, Jerry Bremer, 66, and Pamela Bremer, 64.

The sheriff's office took an emergency call from a resident of a home at about 10:15 p.m. Saturday. The caller described a violent and hectic scene, Jensen said. Arriving deputies found a "horrific" situation, Jensen said.

"I've talked to investigators, 20-year veterans, and they're saying this is a shocking scene," Jensen said. They found a woman dead outside the home and Gago attacking the child. The 8-year-old child was Sweitzer's daughter from a previous relationship.

A roommate also survived. She suffered what deputies described as injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening.

She was being treated at a hospital. □

Lawyer: Incapacitated woman who gave birth not in coma

PHOENIX (AP) — A lawyer for the family of an incapacitated Arizona woman who gave birth in a long-term care facility said she is not in a coma as previously reported.

The Arizona Republic reported Friday that attorney John Micheals said the 29-year-old woman has "significant intellectual disabilities" and does not speak but has some ability to move, responds to sounds and is able to make facial gestures.

Phoenix police have said the woman was the victim of a sexual assault and have disclosed little other information.

A Jan. 8 statement by San Carlos Apache Tribe officials said the woman, a tribal member, gave birth while in a coma.

News media outlets have reported that the woman,

who has not been publicly identified, was in a vegetative state at the facility where she spent many years.

"The important thing here is that contrary to what's been reported, she is a person, albeit with significant intellectual disabilities. She has feelings and is capable of responding to people she is familiar with, especially family," Micheals told the newspaper.

He responded to a request Saturday by The Associated Press for comment by saying in an email that the information reported in the Republic is correct. He did not comment further.

The woman gave birth to a baby boy on Dec. 29 as staff at Hacienda Health-Care frantically called 911 for assistance, telling an operator that they had not known she was pregnant. □



This Aug. 2018, booking photo of Mark Leo Gregory Gago, 42, was provided by the Clackamas, Ore., County Sheriff's Department.

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After storm, large swath of nation plunges into deep freeze

By **PHILIP MARCELO and CATHERINE PERLOFF**
The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Bitter cold is setting in after a major winter storm blanketed a wide swath of the country in snow, sleet and rain this weekend, creating dangerously icy conditions that promise to complicate cleanup efforts and make travel challenging on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Some of the coldest temperatures felt so far this season started to set in across the Midwest and Northeast Sunday and are expected to plunge further overnight. Wind chills will bring temperatures into teens in the New York City area and down to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 40 degrees Celsius) in upstate New York, the National Weather Service predicted.

In New England, they'll fall to as low as 20 F (29 C) below zero around Boston and as low as 35 F (37 C) below zero in parts of Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire, the service said.

Temperatures across the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and the Mid-Atlantic will drop 10 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit below average, the service said.

"It's life-threatening," said Ray O'Keefe, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Albany.



Nicholas Nicolet and his son Rocco cross-country ski on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in Montpelier, Vt.
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"These are dangerous conditions that we're going to be in and they're prolonged, right through tomorrow."

The freeze will follow the weekend's run-ins with power outages, canceled trains and planes, overnight stays at the airport and traffic jams.

Local officials warned residents to limit their time outside to prevent frostbite and to avoid treacherous travel conditions. They also said places could see strong wind gusts, flooding and further power outages.

Utilities in Connecticut reported more than 20,000 customers without power by Sunday afternoon.

"We had more freezing rain and sleet than we expected," Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said Sunday as public works crews across the state raced to clear and treat major roadways before dangerous black ice could form.

Amtrak canceled trains across the Midwest and Northeast over the weekend, but promised full service would resume Monday. Boston's transit system

urged commuters to allow 10 to 15 minutes of extra travel time and warned of icy conditions for pedestrians come Monday.

The storm — caused by the clash of an Arctic high-pressure system with a low-pressure system coming through the Ohio Valley — wreaked havoc on air travel and other forms of transportation all weekend. More than 1,500 flights were canceled nationwide Sunday, according to FlightAware, a flight tracking company.

Among the hardest hit

was Boston's Logan Airport, where stranded passengers lingered Sunday as typically bustling security lines, ticketing counters and baggage claims were largely deserted.

Xavi Ortega, a 32-year old engineer from Spain, said he and his wife slept overnight at the airport after their Saturday night flight home to Barcelona was canceled. He said the couple hoped to board a flight Sunday night.

"We've been sleeping, playing Candy Crush," Ortega said when asked how'd they been passing the hours.

A ferry service route across Lake Champlain between Vermont and New York was also closed Sunday and flights were mostly cancelled at major airports in Vermont and New Hampshire.

In the Midwest, where it dumped 10 inches (25 centimeters) of snow in parts, the storm caused a plane to skid on a slick runway at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on Saturday, though no injuries were reported.

In Kansas, a snowplow driver was killed when his vehicle rolled over, and in southeastern Missouri, slippery conditions caused a 15-vehicle crash on Interstate 55 on Saturday. □

Tornados inflict damage in Alabama town, Florida Panhandle

WETUMPKA, Ala. (AP) — Homes, businesses, government offices and churches were among the buildings

badly damaged or demolished when tornadoes struck central Alabama over the weekend.



The remains of the damaged historic First Presbyterian Church in Wetumpka, Ala., is seen after a possible tornado on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019.

Associated Press

The severe weather hit Saturday and another tornado was reported later that evening at an air base in the Florida Panhandle.

On Sunday, the National Weather Service says its initial surveys indicated there was an EF 1 tornado in Autauga County, and a stronger EF2 twister in Wetumpka, Alabama.

"We suffered a tremendous amount of damage," Mayor Jerry Willis said at a morning news conference with city and Elmore County officials. "Something that we've never had here before."

The familiar steeple of the

First Baptist Church of Wetumpka was missing after the storm. And much of a historic Presbyterian church was reduced to rubble.

"Thus far we've seen damage indicating wind speeds of 120 to 130 mph," John DeBlock, of the National Weather Service in Birmingham, said during the news conference.

No deaths or life-threatening injuries were reported. Willis advised Wetumpka residents to avoid the downtown area as debris was being removed Sunday. There were no immediate estimates of the dollar value of the damage.

Willis said that was being documented in anticipation of seeking federal aid. The Central Alabama Community Foundation is raising money to help Wetumpka storm victims.

In the Florida Panhandle, authorities said buildings on an air base were damaged by a tornado early Saturday evening. Tyndall Air Force Base posted a message on its official Facebook page that no one was injured but that the tornado damaged structures and vehicles on the military installation. The air base was hammered by Hurricane Michael in October. □

Native American says he tried to ease tensions at Mall

By **JEFF KAROUB**
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — A Native American who was seen in online video being taunted outside the Lincoln Memorial said Sunday he felt compelled to get between two groups with his ceremonial drum to defuse a confrontation.

Nathan Phillips said in an interview with The Associated Press that he was trying to keep peace between some Kentucky high school students and a black religious group that was also on the National Mall on Friday. The students were participating in the March for Life, which drew thousands of anti-abortion protesters, and Phillips was attending the Indigenous Peoples March happening the same day.

"Something caused me to put myself between (them) — it was black and white," said Phillips, who lives in Ypsilanti, Michigan. "What I saw was my country being torn apart. I couldn't stand by and let that happen."

Videos show a youth standing very close to Phillips and staring at him as he sang and played the drum. Other students — some in "Make America Great Again" hats and sweatshirts — were chanting, laughing and jeering. Other videos also showed members of the religious group, who appear to be affiliated with the Black Hebrew Israelite movement, yelling disparaging and profane insults at the students, who taunt them in return. Video also shows the Native Americans being insulted by the small religious group as well. The U.S. Park Police, who have authority for security on the Mall, were not taking calls from media during the partial government shutdown. In a joint statement, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington and Covington Catholic High School apologized and said they are investigating and will take "appropriate action, up to and including expulsion." "We extend our

deepest apologies to Mr. Phillips," the diocese statement read. "This behavior is opposed to the Church's teachings on the dignity and respect of the human person." As of Sunday morning, Covington Catholic's Facebook page was not available and its Twitter feed was set to private. Calls to the school went unanswered Sunday.

According to the "Indian Country Today" website, Phillips is an Omaha elder and Vietnam War veteran who holds an annual ceremony honoring Native American veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. Phillips said it was a difficult end to an otherwise great day, in which his group sought to highlight injustices against native people worldwide through marching and prayer. He said his first interaction with the students came when they entered an area permitted for the Indigenous Peoples March. "They were making remarks to each other ... (such as) 'In my state those Indians are nothing but a bunch of drunks.' How do I report that?" he said. "These young people were just roughshodding through our space, like what's been going on for 500 years here — just walking through our territories, feeling like 'this is ours.'" Nearby, the black religious activists were speaking about being the only true Israelites. Phillips said group members called the Native Americans "sell-outs." Marcus Frejo, a member of the Pawnee and Seminole tribes who is also known as Chief Quese lmc, said he had been a part of the march and was among a small group of people remaining after the rally when the boisterous students began chanting slogans such as "make America great" and then began doing the haka, a traditional Maori dance. In a phone interview, Frejo told the AP he felt they were mocking the dance. One 11-minute video of the confrontation shows the Haka dance and stu-

dents loudly chanting before Phillips and Frejo approached them.

Frejo said he joined Phillips to defuse the situation, singing the anthem from the American Indian Movement with both men beating out the tempo on hand drums. □



In this Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 image made from video provided by the Survival Media Agency, a teenager wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat, center left, stands in front of an elderly Native American singing and playing a drum in Washington.

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Greek protesters angry over Macedonia deal clash with police

By DEMETRIS NELLAS
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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Protesters clashed with police outside Greece's parliament during a rally that drew tens of thousands of people Sunday against the Greek-Macedonia name deal. At least 25 police officers were injured and seven people arrested, police said.

Demonstrators threw rocks, flares, firebombs, paint and other objects at riot police who responded with repeated volleys of tear gas. Some protesters jumped over a fence and tried to scale the steps, but officers chased them back down. One man draped in a Greek flag attacked police with a large stick, while others swung big flags on wooden poles and struck officers. People attending the rally said large clouds of tear gas led many to abandon the protest. The square in front of parliament had nearly emptied out by early evening, though small groups of protesters continued to clash with officers. Some protesters also attacked photographers, injuring four, one of whom was hospitalized and also had his camera stolen.

Greece's parliament is expected to start a debate Monday on ratifying the deal and vote on it by Friday. Macedonia's parliament has already approved it, agreeing that the country would go by the name North Macedonia. Macedonia and Greece struck the deal in June to end a decades-long dispute over Macedonia's



A demonstrator draped in the Greek flag attack riot police with a stick during a rally in Athens, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

Associated Press

name, which Greece says harbors territorial claims on its northern province of the same name.

Protesters are against the deal because they believe that any use of the name Macedonia in the neighboring country's name is a usurpation of ancient Greek heritage and implies territorial claims on Greece. A statement from Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' office blamed "extremist elements and members of Golden Dawn" - an extreme-right, anti-immigrant party - for the clashes on Sunday.

"In our democracy, citizens' free expression is an inalienable right, even for those who want to abolish democracy ... It is also the duty and obligation of those of us who do believe not to allow them. Let's isolate and condemn them," the statement said.

Police said in a statement that officers had been attacked by "organized groups of individuals with special ferocity, (using) rocks, iron bars, wooden

clubs, firebombs, etc. ... Police forces acted according to operational plans and orders, showed restraint and professionalism and, using the appropriate methods, repelled the attacks."

Protest organizers said they hoped to attract more than 600,000 people. Police released an official estimate of 60,000.

While organizers had said about 3,000 buses would travel from northern Greece alone, police said that a total of 327 had arrived from across the country Sunday afternoon.

Among the people who addressed the protest were former conservative Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, a member of the Mount Athos monastic community and a Greek-American former politician, Chris Spirou, once a member of New Hampshire's House of Representatives.

In northern Greece, farmers temporarily blocked the highway leading to the Macedonian border in solidarity. It later reopened. □



The sign of the World Economic Forum, WEF, is displayed at an entrance door at the congress center at the eve of the meeting in Davos, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

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Survey: Workers trust their employer over other institutions

By PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — With trust in governments taking a hit since the global financial crisis, people around the world view their employer as the most trusted institution in their lives, according to a survey published Monday.

In a survey of trust in institutions that public relations firm Edelman releases each year on the eve of the World Economic Forum in the Swiss ski resort of Davos, the firm found that 75 percent of respondents trusted their employer. That's a hefty 19 percentage points more than the equivalent trust in business as a whole and 27 points more than governments.

"The past two decades have seen a progressive destruction of trust in societal institutions, a consequence of the Great Recession, fears about immigration and economic dislocation caused by globalization and automation,"

said Richard Edelman, the firm's president and CEO.

Waning trust in public institutions in recent years has accompanied a rise in populist and nationalist politics, from the election of President Donald Trump to Britain's vote to leave the European Union. And over the past year, the #MeToo movement has spread from Hollywood into the political and corporate worlds, while the yellow vest movement in France — initially a protest over a fuel tax — has shaken the country and caused President Emmanuel Macron to backtrack on some reforms. The survey also found the largest ever difference in trust in public institutions between wealthier people with college educations and poorer ones without degrees. Part of the reason is that wealthier individuals could have benefited more from the stock market boom and economic growth of the past few years. □



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May plans next move in Brexit fight as chances rise of delay

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — As Prime Minister Theresa May prepared her next move in Britain's deadlocked Brexit battle, a senior opposition politician said Sunday that it's unlikely the U.K. will leave the European Union as scheduled on March 29. A government minister, however, warned that failure to deliver on Brexit would betray voters and unleash a "political tsunami."

May is due to present Parliament with a revised Brexit plan on Monday, after the divorce deal she had struck the EU was rejected by lawmakers last week. With just over two months until Britain is due to leave the bloc, some members of Parliament are pushing for the U.K. to delay its departure until the country's divided politicians can agree on a way forward.

Labour Party Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer said "it's inevitable" Britain will have to ask the EU to extend the two-year countdown to exit that ends on March 29. "The 29th of March is 68 days away," Starmer told the BBC. "We are absolutely not prepared for it. It would be catastrophic." Britain's political impasse over Brexit is fueling concerns that the country may crash out of the EU on March 29 with no agreement in place to cushion the shock. That could see tariffs imposed on goods moving between Britain and the EU, sparking logjams at ports and shortages

Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May leaves 10 Downing Street, in London, Friday, Jan. 18, 2019.

of essential supplies. Many economists expect Britain to plunge into recession if there is a "no-deal" Brexit. May's government is split between ministers who think a disorderly departure must be avoided at all costs, and Brexit-backers who believe it would be preferable to delaying or reversing Brexit. Former Brexit secretary Dominic Raab, who quit the government in opposition to May's agreement with the EU, said a no-deal Brexit would have "short-term risks," but they would be "manageable." International Trade Secretary Liam Fox wrote in the Sunday Telegraph that "failure to deliver Brexit would produce a yawning gap between Parliament and the people, a schism in

our political system with unknowable consequences." He said public anger could trigger "a political tsunami." May has spent the days since her deal was thrown out meeting government and opposition lawmakers in an attempt to find a compromise. But the talks have produced few signs that May plans to make radical changes to her deal, or to lift her insistence that Brexit means leaving the EU's single market and customs union. Fox said one possible solution could be to strike a deal with the Irish government guaranteeing there would be no border controls between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland. He said that could ease

concerns about the deal's most contentious measure — an insurance policy known as the "backstop" that would keep Britain in an EU customs union to maintain an open Irish border after Brexit. Pro-Brexit lawmakers worry that Britain could be trapped indefinitely in the arrangement, bound to EU trade rules and unable to strike new deals around the world. Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney, however, tweeted that the Irish government was committed to the entire withdrawal deal, "including the backstop." British lawmakers who want a softer Brexit are preparing to try to amend May's plans in a Jan. 29 debate, and to use parliamentary rules to try to prevent a no-

deal Brexit and take control of the exit process. Conservative lawmaker Nicky Morgan said she and several opposition colleagues planned to introduce a bill to ensure "that if the prime minister can't get an agreement approved by the House of Commons by the end of February," the U.K. will ask the EU to postpone its departure date "so that we can build a consensus and get ourselves more prepared for Brexit." Delaying Brexit would require approval from the 27 other EU nations. Starmer said there was a roadblock in the way of a solution to the Brexit crisis, "and that roadblock is the prime minister." "Her mind is closed," he said. □

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In this April 10, 2018, file photo, Masazo Nonaka eats a cake after receiving the certificate from Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living man at then age 112 years and 259 days during a ceremony in Ashoro on Japan's northern main island of Hokkaido.

Associated Press

World's oldest man, 113, dies at his home in northern Japan

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI**
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — The world's oldest man has died at his home — a hot springs inn — in northern Japan at the age of 113.

Masazo Nonaka died in the early hours of Sunday while sleeping at home in Ashoro on Japan's northern main island of Hokkaido, his family said.

He died peacefully from natural causes, according to his granddaughter Yuko Nonaka.

The supercentenarian, whose family has run a hot springs inn for four generations, was certified by Guinness World Records in April

2018 as the world's oldest living man at 112 years and 259 days.

Born on July 25, 1905, Nonaka grew up in a large family and succeeded his parents running the inn. The 106-year-old inn is now run by his granddaughter Yuko.

She said her grandfather appeared to be as usual until her elder sister noticed he was not breathing. He was pronounced dead by his family doctor.

"He didn't have any health problem. ... He went peacefully and that's at least our consolation," she said.

Nonaka, who enjoyed eat-

ing sweets, used to regularly soak in the springs, and would move about in the inn in a wheelchair, wearing his trademark knit cap. He outlived all seven of his siblings, as well as his wife and three of their five children. The fastest-aging country in the world, Japan as of September 2018 had a centenarian population of 69,785, nearly 90 percent of them women, according to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

The world's oldest living person is also Japanese — Kane Tanaka, a 116-year-old woman from Fukuoka on the southern main island of Kyushu. □



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Filipino Muslims vote in referendum on autonomous region

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Muslims in the southern Philippines voted Monday in a referendum on a new autonomous region that seeks to end nearly half a century of unrest, in what their leaders are touting as the best alternative to a new wave of Islamic State group-inspired militants.

The vote caps a tumultuous peace effort by the government in Manila and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the main rebel group, to seal a deal that was signed in 2014 but languished in the Philippine Congress until it was finally approved last year. Bloodshed including the siege of Marawi city by IS-linked militants and other bombings and attacks in the south threatened to derail it.

Al Haj Murad Ebrahim, chairman of the Moro rebels, has repeatedly said that the creation of a viable Muslim autonomous region is the best antidote to about half a dozen smaller IS-linked radical groups that remain a threat in Mindanao, the homeland of minority Muslims in the largely Roman Catholic nation.

"We can roughly conclude that all these splinter groups are a result of the frustration with the peace process," Murad said

in July, when President Rodrigo Duterte signed the legislation creating the new region, called Bangsamoro.

Under the deal, the rebels gave up their goal of an independent state in exchange for broad autonomy, although they originally wanted a federal unit with more powers. Their 30,000 to 40,000 fighters are to be demobilized. Murad has appealed to the international community to contribute to a trust fund to be used to finance the insurgents' transition from decades of waging one of Asia's longest rebellions.

Centuries of conquest — first by Spanish and American colonial forces that had ruled the Philippine archipelago followed by Filipino Christian settlers — have gradually turned Muslims into a minority group in Mindanao, triggering conflict over land, resources and sharing of political power. Uprisings seeking self-rule have been brutally suppressed, feeding more resentment. Insecurity is fueled by proliferation of weapons and armed groups that have resorted to ransom kidnappings and extortion for survival, such as the brutal Abu Sayyaf, which is not part of any peace process. □

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Boat with migrants rescued off Libya looks for port to dock

By FRANCES D'EMILIO, Associated Press

ROME (AP) — A private rescue boat carrying dozens of migrants said Sunday that for a second day several nations had not given permission for it to enter a safe port, while another vessel filled with panicky migrants and described as taking on water in the southern Mediterranean was helped by a cargo ship.

The Dutch-flagged boat Sea-Watch 3, run by a German non-governmental group, said it had contacted Italy, Malta, Libya and the Netherlands asking where it could land the 47 migrants it had taken aboard. Sea-Watch tweeted that Libyan officials hung up when it asked for a port assignment.

An Italian state TV reporter aboard Sea-Watch 3 said the rescue took place Saturday about 50 kilometers (30 miles) off the coast west of Tripoli in Libya's search-and-rescue area. Libya-based human traffickers launch flimsy or rickety boats crowded with migrants hoping to reach Europe and its opportunities

for better lives.

Separately, the Sea-Watch group tweeted Sunday afternoon that because it appeared no country's coast guard had initiated a rescue mission, Sea-Watch 3 was heading toward a vessel with 100 migrants aboard that said it was taking on water.

"We can't cover by ourselves the Mediterranean, where persons are left to die," Sea-Watch lamented, estimating that it would take it would take 15 hours for its boat to reach the stricken vessel in waters north of Misrata, Libya.

Sea-Watch said news of the migrants' plight was relayed by another aid group, Alarmphone, which promotes and operates a telephone hotline for use by people in distress at sea. Late Sunday night, the Italian coast guard said a cargo ship, flying a Sierra Leone flag and asked by Libyan authorities to aid the stricken vessel, had rescued all aboard. The condition and numbers of survivors weren't immediately known. Quoting Alarmphone, Sea-Watch had said earlier that the migrant



In this photo taken on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, rescued migrants are assisted by Sea-Watch rescue ship's personnel in the Mediterranean Sea.

vessel reported navigational problems and that a child among them was "unconscious or deceased." Subsequent communication said the boat was "taking in water" and seeking assistance, "regardless of what this would mean concerning a possible return to Libya," Sea-Watch said.

The Italian coast guard said that after the rescue, the cargo ship was awaiting instructions from the coordinating Libyan authorities about where it could take the migrants. The Libyan coast guard couldn't carry out the rescue itself because it was busy rescuing 140 migrants on two other

boats, the Italian coast guard said in a statement. Italy's interior minister, Matteo Salvini, who leads an anti-migrant party, told reporters Sunday that Libya had completed the rescue of at least one of those boats, and reiterated opposition to any role by private rescue groups. □

Associated Press

Al-Qaida-linked jihadists kill 10 UN peacekeepers in Mali

By BABA AHMED
Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — Al-Qaida-linked jihadists carried out one of the deadliest attacks on a United Nations peacekeeping mission in months, killing 10 peacekeepers and wounding at least 25 in northern Mali, the U.N. said Sunday. All of the peacekeepers killed in the assault on their camp in Aguelhoc were from Chad, the U.N. secretary-general's spokes-

man said in a statement. He strongly condemned the attack, saying it may constitute a war crime. Peacekeepers "responded robustly and a number of assailants were killed," the statement said. Residents said the attackers in the Sunday morning assault arrived in motorcycles and cars.

The 15,000-strong peacekeeping mission in Mali, established in 2013, is one of the U.N.'s deadliest. The

West African nation is under threat from a number of extremist groups affiliated with al-Qaida and the Islamic State organization, and attacks have moved from the arid north to more populated central Mali. The U.N. mission is one of several military efforts to fight the jihadists, alongside Malian forces, France's largest overseas military operation and a recently formed five-nation regional counterterrorism force. □

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Death toll reaches 79 in Mexico fuel pipeline fire horror

By **MARK STEVENSON**

Associated Press

TLAHUELILPAN, Mexico

(AP) — People in the town where a gasoline explosion killed at least 79 people say the section of pipeline that gushed fuel has been a habitual gathering site for thieves, repeatedly damaged and patched like a trusty pair of jeans.

"It was the popular tap," said Enrique Cerron, 22, who lives near the field. "You could pass by at 11 or 12 in the morning and see people filling up here."

On Friday, amid country-wide fuel shortages at gas stations as the government attempts to stem widespread fuel theft, this particular section of pipeline had come back into service after being offline for nearly four weeks when somebody punctured the line again. Word quickly spread through the community of 20,000 people that gas was flowing. Come one, come all. Hundreds showed up at the spigot, carrying plastic jugs and covering their faces with bandanas. A few threw rocks and swung sticks at soldiers who tried to shoo them away. Some fuel collectors brought their children along.

Tlahuelilpan is a largely agrarian community located 90 minutes by car from



Soldiers guard the site where a gas pipeline exploded two days prior, in the village of Tlahuelilpan, Mexico, Sunday Jan. 20, 2019.

the capital and just 8 miles (13 kilometers) from the state-run Tula oil refinery. It's surrounded by verdant alfalfa fields and power plant stacks, and is reasonably affluent by rural Mexican standards. Hidalgo state data shows about half the community lives in moderate poverty, in line with the national average.

At first the gasoline leak was manageable, locals say, emitting a tame fountain of fuel that allowed for filling small buckets at a time. But as the crowd swelled to more than 600, people be-

came impatient.

That's when a man rammed a piece of rebar into a patch, according to Irma Velasco, who lives near the alfalfa field where the explosion took place, and gasoline shot 20 feet (6 meters) into the air, like water from a geyser.

A carnival atmosphere took over. Giddy adults soaked in gasoline filled jugs and passed them to runners. Families and friends formed human chains and guard posts to stockpile containers with fuel.

For nearly two hours, more

than a dozen soldiers stood guard on the outskirts of the field, warning civilians not to go near. Officials say the soldiers were outnumbered and their instructions were to not intervene. Only a week earlier, people in a different town had beaten some soldiers who tried to stop them from gorging on state-owned fuel.

The lure of free fuel was irresistible for many: They came like moths to a flame, parking vehicles on a nearby road. The smell of gas grew stronger and stronger as thousands of barrels

spewed. Those closest to the gusher apparently became delirious, intoxicated by fumes. Townspeople stumbled about. The night filled with an eerie mist, a mixture of cool mountain air and fine particles of gasoline.

Velasco said she rushed to aid a man she saw staggering along the road and away from the gusher. She removed his gas-drenched clothes to help alleviate the overwhelming stench of toxic fuel. Then she helped another young man, who described to her how the geyser had erupted.

Cerron was at the heart of the mayhem when he sensed mounting danger.

He pulled a 70-year-old man out of a ditch where gasoline was pooling; the man had passed out from the vapors. Then Cerron, a student, decided it was time to go home.

He passed soldiers warning would-be scavengers to stay away. It's going to explode, they said. And it did. Once home, Cerron turned for one last glance at the gusher. Instead he saw flames. The fireball that engulfed those scooping up gasoline underscores the dangers of the epidemic of fuel theft that Mexico's new president has vowed to fight. □

Associated Press

Colombians flood streets to protest terror after car bomb

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

Thousands of Colombians dressed in white poured into the streets Sunday to repudiate terrorism after a car bombing at a Bogota police academy killed 21 people and left dozens more wounded.

Amid heavy security and loud chants of "Down with the terrorists!" and "No more violence," the crowd marched to Bogota's emblematic Plaza Bolivar where it was received by President Ivan Duque, who donned a green police cap for the victims of Thursday's attack, the deadliest in 15 years in Colombia.

"We want you to know



Thousands of people march to repudiate terrorism at the Bolivar square in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

Associated Press

you're not alone," said Jenny Buitrago, 32, who dressed her three young children as police officers in

a show of solidarity.

Authorities have attributed Thursday's bombing to the National Liberation Army

— the last major guerrilla group following a 2016 peace deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

Duque has asked Cuba to arrest 10 rebel commanders who had been living on the communist-governed island with his permission in a fading attempt to jumpstart stalled peace talks. Cuba, which condemned the bombing, has pushed back, saying it is obliged to follow the protocol signed by Duque's predecessor allowing the negotiators to leave the communist-run island in the event of a rupture in talks.

Sunday's nationwide

marches were promoted as a non-partisan show of unity against violence.

But the outraged people who showed up in Bogota shouted conservative, law and order slogans and showed little interest in preserving what was left of a peace process with the ELN that began in 2017 under the mediation of Cuba, Norway, Venezuela and Chile.

With the political fallout in the balance, authorities have been making steady progress in their investigation of the attack, which recalled some of the bloodiest chapters of Colombia's recent past. □

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EAGLE BEACH — “This is what Aruba needed”, states one of the clients of the new The Beach Bar located across the street from Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort. The bar is part of Divi Resorts, but accessible to all: guests, non-guests and locals. On the water’s edge, take your seat in paradise. Cocktails, cool sounds and low-slung sofas are the ingredients for this success formula. This is your toes in the sand with a drink in the hand-fav spot!



What makes a great beach bar? Marrit Fleur, Food & Beverage Manager, for sure knows how to answer that question. “What we really wish to create here is a relaxed, nice beach vibe. The lounge seats, the bar itself, the paintings on the wall and the surfboards hanging from the ceiling add to that laid back feel. At the same time it is a chic beach bar, trendy in concept with a lounge setting and a local DJ every day.” Shining stars are the eight cocktails the bar is offering as they are something different! Here you won’t get your standard Aruba Ariba or Sex-On-The-Beach as The Beach Bar surprises you with new, hip mixes like Tito’s Lemonade or Bourbon Ice tea, and even a vintage one like Aperol Spritz presented in a fresh, new version. Besides these eight delights the bar has six craft beers in their assortment as well as the regular non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks.

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“Hop by in the morning to serve you a freshly brewed Puro coffee, pure in taste and quality, while you wake up slowly gazing over de blue Caribbean sea”, as Marrit pictures. “Food items that go great with that are our carrot cake, chocolate brownies, white hazelnut cheesecake or Pannini’s and wraps. For the little ones we have ice-cream popsicles from Gelatissimo, for sure a hit.” Important to mention also is that The Beach Bar uses biodegradable plastics and no straws, following their green guideline. Is it the sand-in-your-toes factor or the backdrop of beach and ocean or the sunsets or the people you meet, in combination with the before mentioned ingredients you will come back here. Simply because great service, inventive drinks, and some of the most beautiful scenery around makes you do that!

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swing, they can also now toast to another 20 years with recyclable cups in support of Aruba's Marine Park and marine protection goals.

Jolly Pirates launched its first schooner in 1997. The beautiful wooden schooner was soon complemented by a teak-decked twin, both skillfully captained by a long-time staff dedicated to entertaining growing fans of the island's most popular sail and snorkel cruises. Jolly Pirates later sought to further serve visitors by adding a souvenir shop. Through the years, and with all its endeavors, Jolly Pirates also carried out some really great eco-friendly initiatives.

BOCA CATALINA - For more than twenty years, Jolly Pirates has graced the tourism landscape, with the billowing sails of its twin schooners decorating the seascape, offering excellent sailing excursions during memorable Aruba vacations. Over the years, it has held to the winning formula of majestic wooden ship, onboard merriment, and expert guidance for snorkeling adventures, while also seeking responsible, 'Green' ways to enhance community efforts. While visitors can still look forward to perfecting their cannonball off the rope

"We worked to ensure both our schooners were not only great looking and comfortable for our guests, but also that they operated cleanly. In order to reduce our carbon footprint, we installed wind generators and solar panels to help power lights and stereo as well as ensure we used less diesel fuel," comments co-owner Harald, who is originally from Holland, and maintains the eco-conscious attitudes with which he was raised.

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Co-owner, and native Bostonian, Carla Cavallaro also seeks to support a healthy environment. "Giving back to Aruba is easy when you consider all that the island has given us," remarks Carla, who watched her son Tyler grow up with a love of the sea. Blessed to find home, happiness and business success in Aruba, she is clearly passionate about doing her part to protect the island's treasured marine environment for the next generation.

Adding to the attraction of a Jolly Pirates' cruise, the ship's Captains are always entertaining. Guests look forward to reconnecting with their crew favorites each year. Between first-time visitors and numerous return guests, Jolly Pirates continues to ride high, driv-

en by a long history of positive word-of-mouth and a lengthy list of rave reviews that often relate personal tales of outstanding, on-board experiences.

"We are grateful for the support of our guests' comments Mimi and Winston, who, together with Carla, lead Jolly Pirates' green initiatives. "We reserve a special thank you to guests who help Aruba by choosing to bring their own cups aboard or chose to purchase one of our re-usable cups.


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Volunteers in the Spotlight

NOORD — In a completely filled Aruba New China Club last Friday, the social community of the island was being honored in the sense of volunteer work. The evening was dedicated to all the people that are not paid for their time and effort they put into foundations and organizations that help others. Their work is priceless, as they make the difference in many lives. The Volunteer of the Year Award or VOTY 2019 is that one time they get into the spotlight for their contributions.

CEDE (Centro pa Desaroyo Aruba) promotes bringing together people and resources for sustainable development. The award is part of one of their projects called Community Guide. The project is an online guide and search portal to make it easier to get the community in touch with all organizations that are committed to the promotion of welfare. The Community Guide (ORG.aw) contains a concise overview of the joint offering within the following sectors: Social Assistance & Living, Community Work, Art & Culture, Environment & Animals, Formation & Education, Work & Income, Sports & Recreation and Health & Care. The same sectors were called on stage of the award ceremony to honor their nominated volunteers. Every organization on the website ORG.aw had an opportunity to elect their very own Volunteer of the Year! These amazing people were recognized for their selfless acts and dedication to the community.

Social Development

The catering was done by one of the founda-

tions, called Trampolin pa Trabou, freely translated Springboard to Work. This is a place where people with disabilities are trained to actively participate in the labor force. On this evening the clients of Trampolin pa Trabou served a welcome champagne and snacks to the guests.

In the fight against the socioeconomic and social problems of Aruba, CEDE brings the target groups in contact with one another. This can strengthen each other whenever there is an opportunity for social and educational development. They contribute to a community so people of all ages and backgrounds can develop themselves. And their belief is that sustainable development in the Aruban community is feasible.

Do It!

The platform ORG.aw is like a meeting point for the organizations and the volunteers as both can register online. Is your new year's resolution to do better? To help and to make somebody else smile? Then this is your chance to contribute to the Aruban community. Volunteer work does not only give you the satisfaction of helping, it will also make your knowledge grow in the social field, your mind will be more open which enriches your life and will help you in your studies, work and private life. You only dedicate your time and good heart and you get back so much more. You make society better and give an example that it's cool to help others!

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Palm trees here in Aruba



They are all over the Dushi Island and in the area of Palm Beach there were thousands in the past. There are around 2500 species of palm trees. Coconuts are an obvious product of palm trees, but like you know dates, betel nuts and acai fruit all come from palm trees. Palm trees have two different types of leaves: Palmate and pinnate. The tallest palm tree can grow up to 197 feet tall!

Sea Grapes



In Papiamentu we call it "Druif di Lama" and basically the beginning of the Eagle Beach is called Boca Druif because of the sea grapes found in this area. Once the fruit reaches a purple-dark red color it's mature enough to eat and there are locals that make grape jelly from the fruits. The leaves are rounded and always lighten up our beaches with a bright green color.

The Kwihi tree



There are 48 native tree species and one of them is the Kwihi tree. It grows very fast and can also be seen very close to our beaches. The best tree used as firewood and the trunks were used to make tables and chairs. The Kwihi tree can give very good shade from the sun and is always green. Picture is taken two months ago on the rocky side where Eagle Beach and Palm Beach meet.

The Fofoti tree



This tree is not the divi tree but the fofoti tree. Fofoti (*conocarpus erectus*) is also a mangrove. The Fofoti mangle is found on most locations around the island, however they are seen mostly in the Malmok area, Eagle Beach, Linear Park and Baby Beach. The Fofoti as well as all other mangroves are protected by law. The Fofoti is a mangle that is green year-round and is always growing and unlike other mangles species, they grow inland on firm land, yet near salt water. Its English name is "Buttonwood" and the trunk of the Fofoti was used in boat constructions as it is a very hard wood.

SPORTS



United States' Lindsey Vonn, top, receives a bunch of flowers from Italy's Sofia Goggia after completing an alpine ski, women's World Cup super-G in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

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Shiffrin wins as Vonn ponders retirement

By ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy

(AP) — It's been several seasons now that Mikaela Shiffrin has been taking over from Lindsey Vonn as the top racer on the U.S. Ski Team — and the overall World Cup leader.

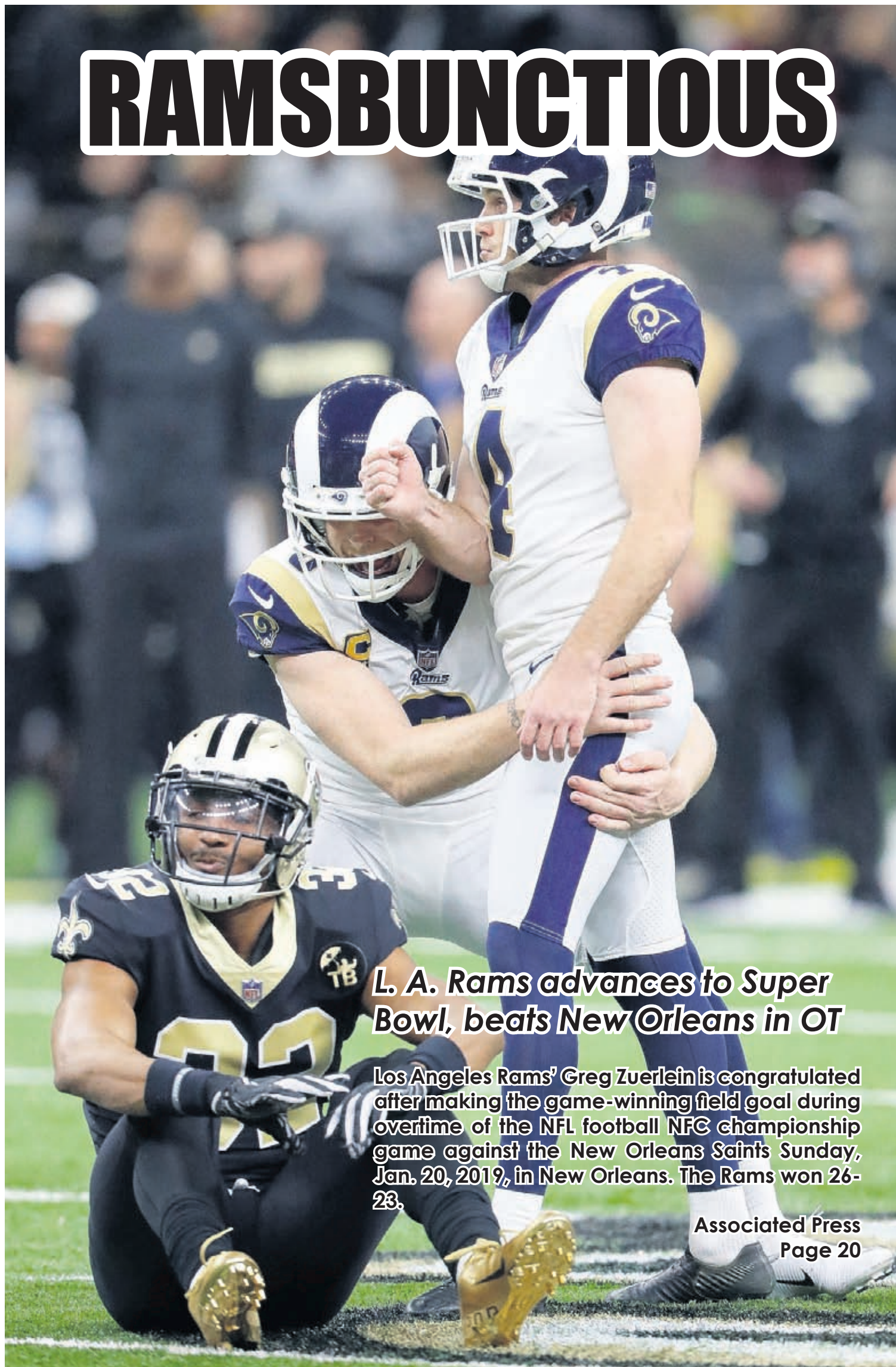
The succession may have been completed Sunday, when Shiffrin won a super-G and Vonn announced it might have been her final race on the circuit after failing to finish.

"You can make what you want of it," Shiffrin said. "Because I won it and it's her last race I don't necessarily think there's some incredible connection on that but I do think that it must be incredibly emotional for her to be in her final season."

Vonn, who went off course midway down, broke down in tears when she was presented with a bouquet of flowers in the finish area by Olympic downhill champion Sofia Goggia.

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RAMSBUNCTIOUS



L. A. Rams advances to Super Bowl, beats New Orleans in OT

Los Angeles Rams' Greg Zuerlein is congratulated after making the game-winning field goal during overtime of the NFL football NFC championship game against the New Orleans Saints Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in New Orleans. The Rams won 26-23.

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Toews gets hat trick as Hawks beat slumping Capitals 8-5

By JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Jonathan Toews loves playing alongside Patrick Kane, and the feeling is mutual. With the Chicago Blackhawks struggling once again, coach Jeremy Colliton tried an old favorite.

Toews had three goals and two assists, Kane added two goals and three assists, and the Blackhawks handed the Washington Capitals their season-high fifth consecutive loss with an 8-5 victory on Sunday.

While Chicago's power play has been humming along quite nicely, the last-place Blackhawks have been struggling with their even-strength attack. Colliton mixed up his lines in response, putting Toews together with Kane — a common answer for predecessor Joel Quenneville during his 10-plus seasons in charge.

It worked.

"I know what he likes and how he likes to play and vice versa," Toews said. "I think we can complement each other well. Obviously Kane's been playing with a ton of confidence, so for me it was just go out there and make his life easier and get him the puck and get to open areas."

Brandon Saad and Alex DeBrincat also scored and Dylan Strome added an empty-netter as last-place Chicago stopped its own five-game slide. Collin Delia made 34 saves, including impressive stops on John Carlson and Tom Wilson in the second.

The Stanley Cup champion Capitals held a short players-only meeting after the loss.

"Our biggest battle is that we're not complacent," said goaltender Braden Holtby, who allowed four goals on 11 shots before he was replaced by Phoenix Copley 2:30 into the second. "It's one of those things that's going to be hard, is getting over the fact last year is last year. You move on."

Washington's defensemen accounted for each of its five goals while star forwards Alex Ovechkin and Evgeny Kuznetsov were kept off the scoresheet. Carlson scored twice, Dmitry Orlov and Matt Niskanen each had a goal and an assist, and Brooks Orpik got his second of the season.

It was Washington's first game in Chicago since Devante Smith-Pelly heard chants of "basketball, basketball, basketball" while the black forward was sitting in the penalty box in the third period of a 7-1 loss last February.

The fans were promptly ejected, and then banned from Chicago's home games.

"I said it the day after and I probably repeated it. It's just a couple of people," Smith-Pelly said. "I don't hold it against the city. I wasn't excited or nervous to come back here. It's just another game."

Carlson trimmed Chicago's lead to 4-3 when he blew a one-timer past Delia 3:09 into the third. Kane responded with a power-play goal, and Toews sent a wrist shot past Copley to make it 6-3 at 7:20.

It was Kane's 14th goal in his last 14 games. He has seven goals and 13 assists during an eight-game point streak.

After Washington pulled within one again on goals by Carlson and Niskanen, Toews danced around Orlov and beat Copley with 5:03 remaining. Toews' 21st goal made it 7-5 and completed his sixth career hat trick.

"To see the caliber and level he brings and elevates in those key moments, it's really special," Kane said.

It was part of an up-and-down day for Orlov, who got his third goal of the season when his shot from the left boards went under Delia 15:24 into the second. But he also batted a puck out of the air and over Holtby to hand Toews his first goal 14:53 into the first.

NOTES: Blackhawks D Henri

Jokiharju was a healthy scratch. The 19-year-old Jokiharju has no goals and 12 assists in 36 games in his first NHL season.

"We've got some young players. Eighty-two game season, it's hard to keep that level night-in and night-out," Colliton said.

"So we may end up with a rotation where they're able to, it's not necessarily performance specifically why they're coming out." ... First-year Capitals coach Todd Reirden is from near-by Deerfield, about 30 miles north of Chicago.

"I didn't have to get a lot of tickets. I do have a lot of passes," a smiling Reirden said before the loss. □



Left Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin (8) and Chicago Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews (19) battle for the puck during the first period of an NHL hockey game Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in Chicago.

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Zuerlein's 57-yard field goal sends Rams to Super Bowl



Los Angeles Rams' Greg Zuerlein makes a field goal during the second half of the NFL football NFC championship game against the New Orleans Saints, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in New Orleans.

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**

AP National Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A big comeback. A blown call. And, finally, a booming kick that sent the Los Angeles Rams to the Super Bowl.

After rallying from an early 13-0 deficit, the Rams stunned the New Orleans Saints with Greg Zuerlein's 57-yard field goal in overtime for a 26-23 victory in the NFC championship game Sunday — an outcome that might not have been possible without an egregious mistake by the officials in the closing minutes of regulation.

Los Angeles cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman committed a blatant interference penalty with a helmet-to-helmet hit on Tom-mylee Lewis well before the pass arrived inside the 5, forcing the Saints to settle for Wil Lutz's 31-yard field goal that made it 23-20 with 1:41 left in regulation. "Came to the sideline, looked at the football gods and was like, 'Thank you,'" Robey-Coleman said. "I got away with one tonight."

After the no-call, Jared Goff had enough time to lead the Rams down the field for Zuerlein's tying field goal, a 48-yarder with 15 seconds remaining.

New Orleans won the coin toss and got the ball first in overtime. But, with Dante Fowler Jr. in his face and striking his arm, Drew Brees fluttered up a pass that was picked off by John Johnson III, who was able to hang on to the interception while stumbling backward. Johnson hopped up and celebrated by doing with the "Choppa Style" dance popularized by New Orleans rapper Choppa, whose namesake song had become a Saints' rallying cry and was even performed during the halftime show. The Rams weren't able to do much offensively, but it didn't matter. Zuerlein booted through the winning field goal from just inside midfield with plenty of room to spare. The NFL said it the longest game-winning kick in playoff history.

"It's unbelievable, man.

I can't put it into words," said Goff, who at 24 became the youngest quarterback to win an NFC title. "The defense played the way they did to force it to overtime. The defense gets a pick and Greg makes a 57-yarder to win it. That was good from about 70. Unbelievable."

The Superdome, which had been in uproar all afternoon, suddenly turned eerily silent. It was the first home playoff loss for the Saints with Brees and coach Sean Payton, who had been 6-0 in those games since their pairing began in 2006.

This one really hurt. If the pass interference penalty had been called, the Saints could've run most of the time off the clock to set up a winning field goal from chip-shot range.

"Being that it happened right there in front of the person who would be the one to make the call, and everyone in the stands saw it, everyone watching at home on TV saw it, that makes it even more difficult to take," Brees said.

"Because of this, I'm sure there will be a lot of talk about reviewing penalties, perhaps game-changing penalties."

The Rams (15-3) and their 32-year-old coach, Sean McVay, capped a remarkable rise since moving back to Los Angeles three years ago. The team will be appearing in its first Super Bowl since the 2001 season, when the "Greatest Show on Turf" was still in St. Louis. The team hasn't won an NFL title in Los Angeles since 1951, well before the Super Bowl era. The team moved to St. Louis in 1995, only to return to Southern California two decades later.

"Shoot, I don't even know what day it is," McVay said. "All I know is we're NFC champs, baby!"

It was another bitter end for the Saints, who lost the previous season in the divisional round on the "Minnesota Miracle" — the Vikings' long touchdown pass on the final play of the game. This time, New Orleans (14-4) couldn't hang on to the lead or overcome that of-

ficiating mistake.

Payton said he talked to the NFL office after the game and was told that Robey-Coleman should have been flagged.

"Not only was it interference, it was helmet to helmet," the coach said. "'I don't know if there was ever a more obvious pass interference.'"

The Saints were on the verge of blowing out the Rams, scoring on their first three possessions and taking advantage of an interception when Todd Gurley let a pass slip through his hands.

Then a fake punt early in the second quarter gave Los Angeles its initial first down of the game. Sparked by that gutsy call, the Rams finally came to life offensively and drove into position for the first of four field goals by Zuerlein.

Gurley made it 13-10 at halftime on a 6-yard touchdown run just before the intermission.

New Orleans restored its double-digit lead on Brees' 2-yard scoring pass to third-string quarterback Taysom Hill, the first TD catch of the super sub's career. Goff countered with a 1-yard touchdown toss to Tyler Higbee, setting up a wild fourth quarter.

Zuerlein tied the score at 20-all with a 24-yard field goal after McVay passed on a shot at the go-ahead touchdown with fourth-and-goal from inside the 1. A delay of game while lining up for the kick scuttled any thoughts of leaving the offense on the field.

BREES' FUTURE

The 40-year-old Brees made it clear he's got no plans to retire.

"I plan on being here next year and making another run at it," said Brees, who was denied a shot at adding to the Super Bowl title he won during the 2009 season. He hopes another gut-wrenching loss in the playoffs will spur the team to even greater heights.

"Last year really brought us together as a team and strengthened us," Brees said. "I hope this will too." □



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Adam Long wins Desert Classic for first PGA Tour title

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Adam Long bounced around golf's backwoods for years, winning only a lone Hooters Tour event. Now, he's headed to the Masters as a PGA Tour winner.

Long won the Desert Classic on Sunday at PGA West, beating Hall of Famer Phil Mickelson and Adam Hadwin by a stroke with a 14-foot birdie putt on the final hole after a 6-iron approach from an awkward stance.

"In some ways it's been a little bit of a roller-coaster, but it's been a steady improvement throughout my career," Long said. "I've played in pretty much most tours around the world that there are and just kind of steadily progressed."

"It kind of can seem like it came out of nowhere, but my game's been trending in the right direction for really the last two years now." Long closed with a 7-under 65 on the Stadium Course, holing the winning putt after Mickelson's 40-foot birdie try curled left at the end. "I got a pretty good read off Phil's putt," Long said. "It was one of those putts that you just stand over you just know you're going to make. And you can't control that, but when you have that feeling it's a good one. I'm in pretty disbelief right now. I don't really know what happened."

Mickelson, the leader after each of the first three rounds, shot 69.

"I had a terrible putting day — one of the worst I can recall in a while," Mickelson said. "Started right on the first hole with a little 4-footer uphill and three-putting that green. And I missed a bunch of short ones on the front and some birdie opportunities, but it felt awful



Adam Long holds the trophy on the 18th green after winning the Desert Classic golf tournament on the Stadium Course at PGA West on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, in La Quinta, Calif.

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with the putter. I hit a lot of good shots today, but just couldn't get the ball to go in the hole."

Long set up with the winning putt with the 6-iron approach from 175 yards with the ball below his feet in dormant grass on a mound to the right of the fairway. The 31-year-old former Duke player earned his PGA Tour card with a 13th-place finish last year on the Web.com Tour's regular-season money list. In five previous PGA Tour starts, he had made only one cut — a tie for 63rd in October in the Safeway Open.

Hadwin finished with a 67, losing a three-stroke lead on the back nine.

"It's golf," Hadwin said. "I made a bunch of putts all week and then honestly I was kind of battling it a little

bit swing-wise, didn't quite have it like I did the first three days. ... It just kind of flat-lined on me there in the last few."

The Canadian had his fourth straight top-six finish in the event. He was second in 2017 after a third-round 59 at La Quinta Country Club and tied for third last year.

Long finished at 26-under 262 and earned \$1,062,000. He chipped in twice on the back nine to remain in contention.

"Those chip-ins were huge and some putts on the front nine as well to just kind of hang in there," Long said. He opened with a 63 on PGA West's Nicklaus Tournament Course, shot 71 on Friday at the Stadium layout and had another 63 on Saturday at La Quinta to

get into the final group with Mickelson and Hadwin.

"It was a huge thrill to play with Phil," Long said. "I looked up to him my whole life and big fan of his and he couldn't have been greater to me out there and he was awesome to play with, a lot of fun."

The 48-year-old Mickelson was making his first tour start since the Safeway and first competitive appearance since beating Tiger Woods in Las Vegas in November in a made-for-TV event. Mickelson entered the day two strokes ahead of Hadwin and three ahead of Long. The tournament winner in 2002 and 2004, Lefty matched his career-low score with an opening 60 at La Quinta.

"It's a weird game how sometimes if you haven't

played for a while it just can click and come right back," Mickelson said.

"But usually you need a little bit of a foundation there coming down the stretch. When you get to feel the pressure you need to have that foundation of practice and seeing the shots that you want to hit, seeing the ball go in on the greens and so forth and I didn't really have that today."

Talor Gooch was fourth at 24 under after a 64, Dominic Bozzelli followed at 22 under after a 66, and Jon Rahm, the 2018 winner, shot 67 to get to 21 under. Top-ranked Justin Rose closed with a 70 to tie for 34th at 14 under.

He's the first No. 1 player to play the tournament since the world ranking began in 1986. □

Pacers keep rolling with 120-95 victory over Hornets

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Victor Oladipo scored 21 points and Darren Collison added 19 points and nine assists Sunday, leading the Indiana Pacers past Charlotte 120-95.

Indiana has won four of five and improved to 16 games over .500 for the first time since the end of 2013-14.

Kemba Walker had 23 points to lead the Hornets, who had a three-game winning streak snapped. Malik Monk finished with 11 points off the bench for Charlotte, which never led after Collison's 3-pointer midway through the first quarter.

It didn't take Indiana long to start pulling away.

The Pacers jumped to a 32-16 lead late in the first quar-

ter, and then answered a 12-2 Charlotte spurt, which cut the deficit to 34-28, by rebuilding a 45-32 lead. Indiana extended the margin to 17 and led 56-41 at halftime.

In the second half, the Pacers repeatedly fended off Charlotte.

The Hornets got as close as 77-71 when Miles Bridges made his second straight 3 late in the third, but the Pacers scored six straight to close out the quarter and sealed the victory with a 7-0 spurt to make it 99-81 with 6:46 to go.

TIP-INS

Hornets: Bismack Biyombo and Jeremy Lamb each had 10 points. Biyombo also had 12 rebounds. ... Walker was called for a technical foul with 1:08 left in the first quarter. ... Walker and

Jeremy Lamb scored 14 of Charlotte's first 16 points. ... Former Indiana University star Cody Zeller did not play because of an injured right hand. ... The Hornets were 12 of 35 on 3s.

Pacers: Myles Turner had nine points, all on 3s, 16 rebounds and three blocks.

... Bojan Bogdanovic and Domantas Sabonis each scored 16. ... Nate McMillan earned his 121st victory as the Pacers' coach, tying Jim O'Brien for ninth on the franchise's NBA victories list. ... Indiana honored the late Jimmy Rayl with a moment of silence before the game. Rayl was a two-time All-American at Indiana University and was the state's 1959 Mr. Basketball Award winner. School officials announced Rayl died Sunday at age 77. □



Charlotte Hornets guard Kemba Walker (15) shoots in front of Indiana Pacers guard Victor Oladipo (4) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.
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Shiffrin wins

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Vonn was planning on retiring in December. She returned this weekend from her latest injury — to her left knee — but her best result in three races was ninth in Saturday's downhill.

"I've had four surgeries on my right knee. I've got no LCL (lateral collateral ligament) on my left knee. I've got two braces on. There's only so much I can handle and I might have reached my maximum," Vonn said. "I'm not sure. I've got to take a couple days' time and really think about things."

Vonn was one of Shiffrin's idols growing up.

"She's been inspiring for a lot of young racers and a lot of athletes coming out of the U.S. Ski Team and a leader in the sport all over the world for a long time," Shiffrin said.

Taking advantage of a tricky course set by one of her coaches, Shiffrin finished 0.16 seconds ahead of Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein.

Tamara Tippler of Austria finished third, 0.18 behind.

Vonn was in podium contention until she clipped a gate midway down and got bounced off course.

Vonn holds the record of 12 wins in Cortina while this was Shiffrin's first victory at the Italian resort.

With her 54th win, Shiffrin matched Hermann Maier for sixth place on the all-time list.

Vonn stands second on the all-time wins list with 82 victories, four shy of the record held by Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark. Vonn broke Annemarie Moser-Proell's women's record with victory No. 63 in Cortina four years ago.

"Her mentality was something we had never seen before," Weirather said of Vonn. "She raised the whole sport to the next level."

Vonn wasn't the only top skier who failed to finish. More than a third of the 61 starters also DNF'd on a course set by Vonn's longtime coach Alex Hoedlmoser.



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin celebrates after completing an alpine ski, women's World Cup super-G in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

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Shiffrin has now won three of the four super-Gs this season.

"My biggest challenge was to keep my expectations low but my standards high," Shiffrin said.

"Pushing my skiing, doing my best with my turns,

having good tactics and being aggressive but not to expect that I would win the race because anything can happen."

Having recently competed in a long block of technical races — her specialty — Shiffrin had only one day

of super-G training over the past month.

"Today my feeling was just keeping everything flowing and moving forward and if I made a mistake then forget about it and keep going," Shiffrin said. "So it was a nice way to ski that." □



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Pacquiao dominates in retaining title against Broner

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Manny Pacquiao showed Saturday night he's still got plenty of fight for a fighter on the wrong side of 40.

Whether Pacquiao's dominating win over Adrien Broner gets him a rematch with Floyd Mayweather, though, is a question that will have to be answered another night.

With Mayweather watching from ringside, Pacquiao showed flashes of his old speed in winning a unanimous 12-round decision over Broner to easily defend his piece of the welterweight title.

It was the 61st win of a remarkable career in which Pacquiao has won titles in eight weight classes.

And it put to rest any thoughts of retirement after 24 years as a pro.

"The Manny Pacquiao journey will still continue," Pacquiao said.

Fighting for the first time at the age of 40, the senator from the Philippines won a lopsided decision that was never in doubt before a crowd that roared at every punch he landed. The decision was never in doubt, but Pacquiao pressed the fight into the later rounds as he tried unsuccessfully to score a knockout.

Two judges favored Pacquiao by a 116-112 score, while the third had it 117-111. The AP scored it a shut-out 120-108 for Pacquiao. There were no knockdowns, but Pacquiao landed the heavier punches — and lots of them.

He caught Broner in the seventh and ninth rounds with big left hands that sent him backward, while Broner spent most of the fight looking for one big counter that never came.



Manny Pacquiao celebrates his win against Adrien Broner in the WBA welterweight title boxing match Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, in Las Vegas.

"At the age of 40 I can still give my best," Pacquiao said. "Although I wanted to be aggressive more, my camp told me don't be careless and to counter him and wait for opportunities."

Both fighters were cautious late, as the fight slowed in the final two rounds.

Pacquiao, whose pro ca-

reer stretches back 24 years, showed he still has the speed that carried him over his spectacular career. He also displayed some power, though he was never able to drop Broner.

Pacquiao was clearly the favorite of the crowd of 13,025, who gathered at the MGM Grand arena to

see if the part-time fighter still had some fight in him. Turned out Pacquiao did, and then some as he pushed the attack against Broner.

Pacquiao was the aggressor from the opening bell, and he had to be because Broner threw only occasional punches in the opening rounds.

Pacquiao attacked at will, winning round after round before the fight started to heat up in the middle rounds.

Broner, meanwhile, fought like he was merely trying to survive, despite being 11 years younger than his opponent. He was booed loudly as he raised his hands in victory and jumped on the corner ropes as if he had won.

"I beat him, everybody out there knows I beat him," Broner said. "I clearly won the last seven rounds."

Mayweather watched it all intently from his ringside seat, and was coy about possibly coming out of retirement for a reprise of the 2015 lackluster fight Mayweather won by decision over Pacquiao.

"You keep asking me about Manny Pacquiao," Mayweather said during the fight. "He needs to get past Adrien Broner first. And right now I'm living a happy and healthy life."

Showtime announcer Jim Gray tried to get Mayweather to climb in the ring after the fight and discuss a possible bout with Pacquiao, but Mayweather demurred.

It was the first fight in the U.S. in two years for Pacquiao, who reunited with trainer Freddie Roach for a bout that would determine how much he had left at the age of 40.

Turns out he had plenty, in a fight that was entertaining even if it wasn't a classic.

Ringside punching stats showed Pacquiao landing 112 of 568 punches. Broner threw only 295 punches and landed just 50.

Broner landed no more than eight punches in any round, and just one in the final round. □

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Razor burn: Gillette ad stirs online uproar

By **MAE ANDERSON**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A Gillette ad for men invoking the #MeToo movement is sparking intense online backlash, with accusations that it talks down to men and groups calling for a boycott. But Gillette says it doesn't mind sparking a discussion. Since it debuted Monday, the Internet-only ad has garnered nearly 19 million views on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter — a level of buzz that any brand would covet.

The two-minute ad from Procter & Gamble's razor brand shows men and boys engaging in bullying and sexual harassment and encourages men to "say the right thing" and "act the right way." Taking on bullying, sexual harassment and toxic masculinity is a big task for a razor brand. Many critics took to social media saying it was insulting to men and laden with stereotypes.

The uproar comes as Gillette battles upstarts like Harry's, Dollar Shave Club and others for millennial dollars. Gillette controlled about 70 percent of the U.S. market a decade ago. Last year, its market share dropped to below 50 percent, according to Euro-monitor.

Allen Adamson, co-founder of branding firm Metaforce, called the ad a "hail Mary" pass from the 117-year-old



This image from Gillette's Twitter account shows a Gillette advertisement. The ad for men invoking the #MeToo movement is sparking online backlash, with some saying it talks down to men and calling for a boycott.

company. But he added that online buzz, whether positive or negative, rarely makes a long-term difference for a marketer since memory fades quickly.

"Getting noticed and getting buzz is no easy task, and they've managed to break through," Adamson said. "Most advertisers advertise, and no one notices because there is so much noise in the marketplace, so just getting noticed is a big win, especially for low-interest category like a razor."

On the flip side, it probably won't sell many razors either, he said.

Some cheers were mixed in with the social media

boos. In a tweet, actress Jessica Chastain thanked Gillette "for this reminder of the beauty of men. I'm so moved by your call to action." The ad echoes other attempts by major advertisers to take on social issues. Pepsi pulled an ad in 2017 showing Kendall Jenner giving a cop a Pepsi during a protest and apologized after an outcry that it trivialized "Black Lives Matter" and other protest movements. Nike polarized the nation with an ad featuring ex-NFL player Colin Kaepernick who started a wave of protests among NFL players of police brutality, racial inequality and other social issues.

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Sales weren't affected in either of those cases. When controversy does affect sales, it is usually over something more substantive than an ad. Lululemon saw sales tumble in 2013 after a string of PR disasters including manufacturing problems that caused their pricey yoga pants to become see through and fat-shaming comments from their founder. But even that was short lived.

Ronn Torossian, CEO of 5WPR, said that much like Nike's Kaepernick ad, Gillette likely knew the ad would garner online debate.

"Nike knew what they were getting themselves into," Torossian said. The ad with Kaepernick was "making a lot of noise, and it can't be a surprise to (Gillette) that this is making a lot of noise." P&G, one of the world's largest advertisers, is known for its anthemic spots that appeal to emotions during the Olympics and other events, often aimed at women, such as the tear-jerking "Thank You Mom" Olympics branding cam-

campaign and Always "Like a Girl" 2014 Super Bowl ad.

Pankaj Bhalla, North America brand director on Gillette says the controversy was not the intended goal of the ad, which is part of a larger campaign that takes a look at redefining Gillette's longtime tagline "The Best a Man Can Get," in different ways. Another online ad features one-handed NFL rookie Shaquem Griffin.

While he doesn't want to lose sales or a boycott over the ad, "we would not discourage conversation or discussion because of that," he said.

"Our ultimate aim is to groom the next generation of men, and if any of this helps even in a little way we'll consider that a success," he said.

Larry Chiagouris, marketing professor at Pace University, is skeptical.

"Treating people with respect, who can argue with that, but they're kind of late to the party here, that's the biggest problem," he said.

"It's gratuitous and self-serving." □

Sinclair debuts streaming service for its local TV stations



In this Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, file photo, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.'s headquarters stands in Hunt Valley, Md.

Associated Press

By **MAE ANDERSON**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sinclair Broadcast wants to "stir" up streaming.

The nation's largest owner of television stations launched a free, ad-supported streaming service Wednesday drawing on local news, sports and other programs from the 191 TV stations it owns in 89 U.S. markets.

Sinclair was admonished by media watchdogs in

April after the sports news service Deadspin pieced together clips of dozens of TV anchors for Sinclair reading from the same script. The script warned viewers about "biased and false news" from other media outlets. At the time, President Donald Trump tweeted his support of the company. Sinclair defended the effort as a way to distinguish its news shows from unreliable stories on social media. □

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More lenient state laws could chill low-alcohol beer market

By TIM TALLEY

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —

Beer snobs are raising their mugs to a stronger brew in three states that once forbade grocers from selling anything but low-alcohol brands, and the changes could indirectly chill the industry in two others where such regulations remain.

Until October, Oklahoma grocery and convenience stores could stock beer with only up to 3.2 percent alcohol content — considerably lower than even leading light beer brands. Liquor stores were able to sell stronger 8.99 percent beer but were prohibited from selling cold beer of any strength.

Voter-approved changes now allow stronger ales to be sold in Oklahoma grocery and convenience stores. And many of the changes are being adopted this year in the adjoining states of Colorado and Kansas.

The beer revolution will leave just two states — Utah and Minnesota — where only 3.2 percent beer may be sold in grocery and convenience stores. Beer industry observers say how lawmakers in those states react to the changes could determine whether the future of low-point beer in the U.S. is as flat as a week-old lager. Half of the nation's 3.2 beer market was in Oklahoma and an additional 20 percent was in Colorado.

"It is a dramatic drop," said Brett Robinson, president of Beer Distributors of Oklahoma, which represents some beer distributors in the state. "In Oklahoma now, beer is just beer. There is no more definition or classification."

Oklahoma was the first of the nation's five 3.2-beer states to make the switch. That's ironic considering alcohol was illegal until voters repealed statewide prohibition in 1959 — 26 years after Prohibition was repealed nationally.

"It was a long time coming," said Lisette Barnes, president of the Oklahoma



Sean Mossman, director of sales and marketing for COOP Ale Works, poses for a photo in the COOP taproom in Oklahoma City, Friday, Jan. 18, 2019.

Beer Alliance, a beer industry trade association. "It's refreshing. I think overwhelmingly people are excited about it. It's been a good thing for both industry and consumers."

As the market for "baby beer" continues to shrink, brewers must decide whether it's profitable to continue to make it — a decision that could cause low-point beer supplies to dry up in Utah and Minnesota.

Anheuser-Busch, the world's largest beer producer, said it will work to meet the needs of consumers in 3.2 percent beer states even amid declining demand.

"While we will continue to produce 3.2 percent beer, regulatory and legislative changes in Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas that affect demand for 3.2 percent beer will impact our national production," the company said in a statement in December.

But some brewers are already cutting back on their 3.2 percent beer production. Oklahoma City-based craft brewer COOP Ale Works, which distributes in six states, including Oklahoma and Kansas, has discontinued two of its three 3.2 percent brews.

"The only reason we pro-

duced those other two beers was to have beer in grocery and convenience

stores," said Sean Mossman, director of sales and marketing for COOP.

"Now that we can sell our more popular styles in the grocery stores, we just don't see any need to continue manufacturing those beers."

And selling COOP's flagship beers in grocery stores "has been a boon for us," Mossman said. He said the brewer's business has increased 50 percent in the months since Oklahoma grocers began stocking its stronger beers.

New regulations go into effect in Kansas in April, when grocery and convenience stores can start selling beer with an alcoholic content of 6 percent.

"Overall, we're very happy about the death of 3.2 beer," he said.

"The death of 3.2 beer is good for us."

Dwindling supplies of low-point brew is something state regulators have considered. □

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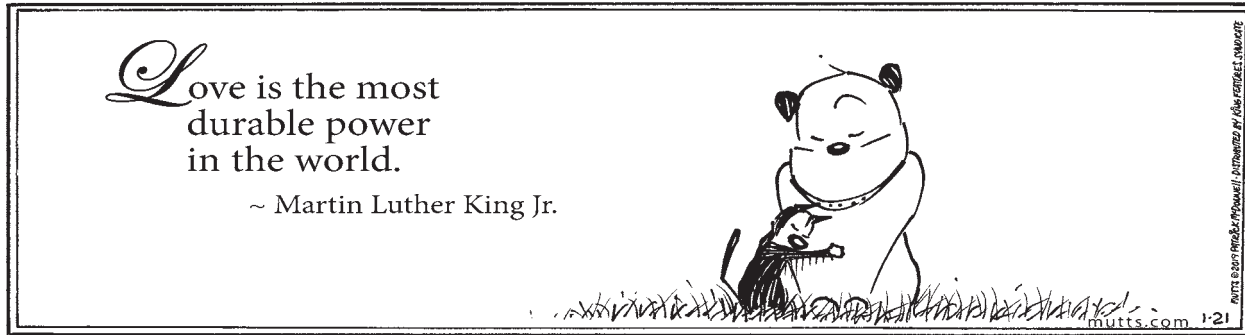


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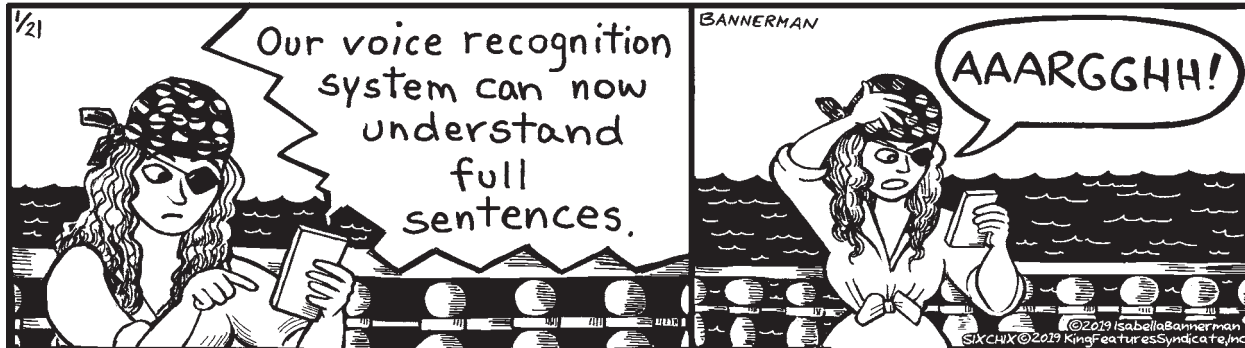


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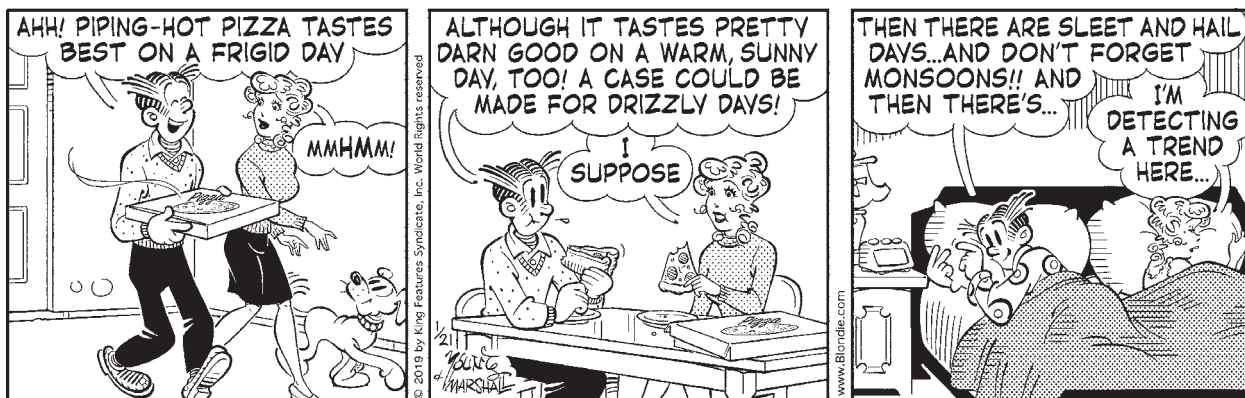
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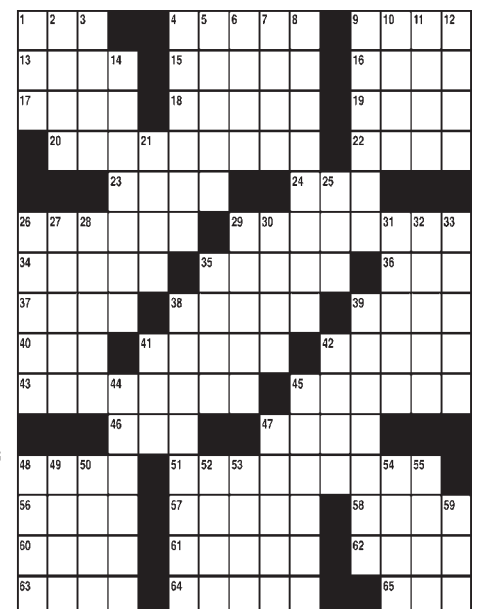
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- Travel stops
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- Show-off
- Umpire's cry
- Like icy sidewalks
- Like a cliché
- Exhausted
- Name with Fannie or Ginnie
- Become furious
- "A ___ of beauty is a joy forever"
- Divan
- Matrimonial words
- Pass out
- Catchers' gloves
- Feel; sense
- Least risky
- Night bird
- One of three tenses
- Music symbol
- Rubbing to make shine
- Be a couch potato
- Climbing plants
- Diamond, for one
- Bogeyman
- Hippie's greeting
- Cowboy Autry
- No longer here
- Goofed
- Uncooked

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- Church seat
- Cheese in red wax
- Athletic shoe brand
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- Blackboard writer's need
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- Antlered animals
- Making wide cuts
- Pinch pennies
- Cut of pork
- Wrought ___ fence
- New York team
- One who eats on the house
- Birthday party dessert
- Isn't ___ to; probably won't
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- Exchange
- Harshness; severity
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Researchers come face to face with huge great white shark

By **CALEB JONES**
Associated Press

HALEIWA, Hawaii (AP) —

Two shark researchers who came face to face with what could be one of the largest great whites ever recorded are using their encounter as an opportunity to push for legislation that would protect sharks in Hawaii.

Ocean Ramsey, a shark researcher and conservationist, told The Associated Press that she encountered the 20-foot (6-meter) shark Tuesday near a dead sperm whale off Oahu.

The event was documented and shared on social media by her fiancé and business partner Juan Oliphant.

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources said it was aware of photos of the great white and that tiger sharks also have been feeding on the whale.

Oliphant, who photographed the now-viral images, said it's unclear if the shark is the famed Deep Blue, believed to be the largest great white ever recorded.

"She looks the part right now," Oliphant said about the shark spotted Tuesday.

"Maybe even more exciting that there is another massive, you know, super-size great white shark out there. Because their populations are so dwindling." Ramsey, who operates Oahu-based One Ocean Diving and Research with Oliphant, said she has been pushing for several years for a bill that would ban the killing of sharks and rays in Hawaii, and hopes this year the measure will become law.

She said the images of her swimming next to a huge

great white shark prove the predators should be protected, not feared. Still, the veteran shark diver

shark in the water. Ramsey and her team observe behavior, identify and tag sharks and share

uncommon. "The idea that they see people as a food source, that is rubbish and that

violation of state and federal laws.

The agency's Division of Conservation and Re-



In this Jan. 15, 2019 photo provided by Juan Oliphant, Ocean Ramsey, a shark researcher and advocate, swims with a large great white shark off the shore of Oahu.

Associated Press

doesn't think the general public should recklessly get into the water with the giants, especially around a food source like a rotting whale carcass.

Ramsey said extensive training and time spent studying shark behavior has kept her team and customers safe. She teaches people about how to act and, more importantly, not act when they encounter a

that data with researchers as well as state and federal officials. She said she previously swam with the huge shark on research trips to Guadalupe Island, Mexico. She also leads cage-free shark diving tours.

Unlike many marine mammals, sharks are not a federally protected species, though there are laws against the sale of their fins. "There's not a lot of sympathy for sharks because of the way they're portrayed in media and they don't have the cute cuddly appearance," Ramsey said. "You can't hate them for being predators. We need them for healthy marine ecosystems."

Ramsey and Oliphant want to make sure that people realize that shark bites are

needs to go away because really that's ultimately leading to the demise of these animals," Oliphant said.

State Sen. Mike Gabbard sponsored the shark protection legislation last session and plans to reintroduce it this year. The bill died in the House when it wasn't heard by the House Judiciary Committee.

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources said the decomposing whale carcass had drifted to about eight miles (13 kilometers) south of Pearl Harbor after being towed 15 miles (24 kilometers) offshore days earlier.

Officials say there have been reports that people are climbing onto the carcass to take its teeth as souvenirs, which may be a

sources Enforcement Chief Jason Redull said people should stay out of the water around the dead whale.

"Understandably, some people want to get into the water either out of fascination or to get photographs, but it is truly dangerous to be around this carcass with so much shark activity," he said.

Ramsey said it's impressive that the great white has survived a "gauntlet of human death traps."

"I don't know how old she is," Ramsey said. "But for her to survive through so many longline fisheries and, you know, gill nets and team nets and fishermen who might just kill her because they think that she is a monster ... it's very special." □



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Film airing on PBS highlights Native American links to rock

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS**

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— As a child, Fred Lincoln “Link” Wray Jr. hid under a bed when the Ku Klux Klan came to his parents’ home in rural North Carolina. Racist groups often targeted the poor family of Shawnee Native American ancestry as the Wrays endured segregation in the American South just like African-Americans. Wray eventually took all that rage of his early years and crafted a 1958 instrumental hit “Rumble” using a distinct, distorted electric guitar sound that would influence rock ‘n’ roll musicians from Iggy Pop and Neil Young to Pete Townshend of The Who and Slash of Guns N’ Roses. Though the song had no lyrics, it was banned in the 1950s for allegedly encouraging teen violence.

Wray is one of many Native Americans musicians whose stories are featured in a documentary set to air on the PBS series “Independent Lens” showing how Native Americans helped lay the foundations to rock, blues and jazz and shaped generations of musicians. “RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World” will be broadcast online and on most PBS stations Monday. The film is the brainchild of Apache guitarist Stevie Salas, who has performed with the likes of Rod Stewart and Mick Jagger. It was during a tour with Stewart that the Oceanside, California-raised Salas began to wonder about other Native American rock musicians who came before him. “I was there with Rod Stewart and thinking, ‘Am I the only Indian to have ever played at (New York’s) Madison Garden?’” Salas told The Associated Press. “So I started to investigate.”

Soon Salas, now 54, stumbled upon Wray, a musician he’d admired but had no idea he was Native American. Then he found

out about the Norman, Oklahoma-born Jesse Ed Davis, a guitarist of Kiowa and Comanche ancestry who performed with John Lennon.

The hobby searching for Native American rock musicians eventually launched an exhibit at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, then a film.

“People need to know about Link Wray. People need to know about Jesse Ed Davis,” Salas said.

But rock musicians aren’t the only popular performers “RUMBLE” seeks to highlight. The documentary touches on blues pioneer Charley Patton, an early 20th Century Mississippi Delta guitarist of Choctaw and African-American ancestry. The film shows how some of Patton’s music preserved on rough vinyl recordings is similar to traditional American Indian songs. Those traditions were fused with black music.

Legendary bluesman Howlin’ Wolf would say he learned to play the guitar from an “Indian man” by the name of Charley Patton.

The film also introduces viewers to the largely forgotten jazz vocalist Mildred Bailey. A member of the Coeur d’Alene tribe in the Pacific Northwest, Bailey began singing ragtime in the 1920s and developed a swing style that blended traditional Native American vocals with jazz. She became known as the “The Queen of Swing” who performed at speakeasies and had a style so unique that young Italian-American aspiring singers Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra began copying her form.

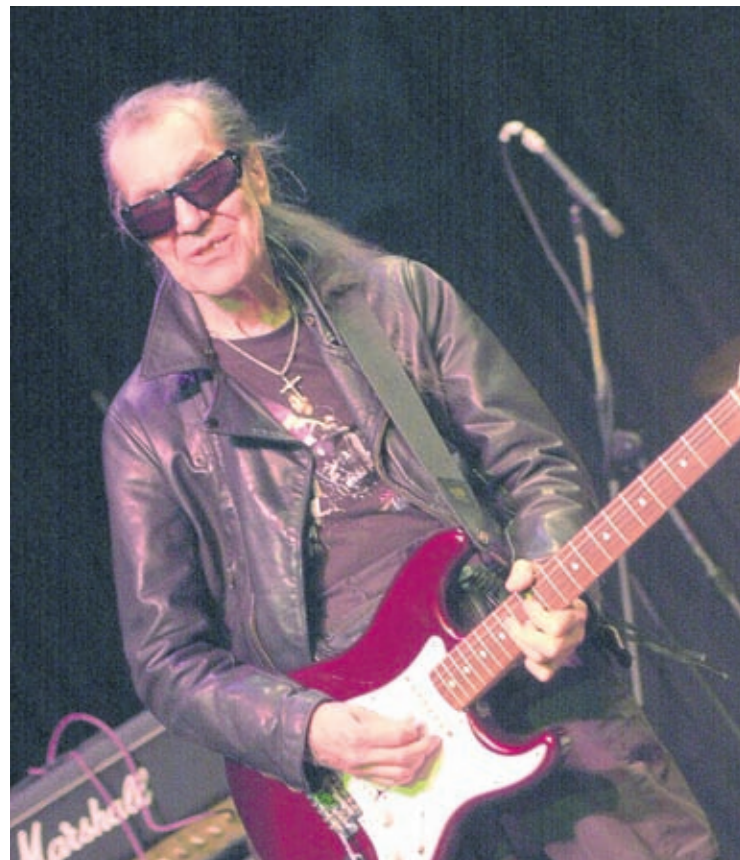
“She was one of the great improvisers of jazz,” Bennett said on the film. “I was completely influenced by Mildred Bailey. She sang perfect, for me.”

The film also explores the career of Robbie Robertson, a Canadian musician of Mohawk and Cayuga

descent, who performed with Bob Dylan in the mid-1960s before forming his own group called The Band.

“Be proud that you’re an Indian,” Robertson said he was told as a child, “but be careful who you tell.”

The documentary dives into the career of Davis, lead guitarist for Taj Mahal, who died in 1988 of a heroin overdose. And it goes into the momentous career of Randy Castillo, the Albuquerque, New Mexico-born Isleta Pueblo drummer for Ozzy Osbourne and Mötley Crüe, whose life was cut short by cancer in 2002. □



In this July 21, 2002 file photo, Link Wray, the 73-year-old Shawnee Indian and acclaimed pioneer of punk and heavy metal, performs at the Shim Sham Club in New Orleans.

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M. Night Shyamalan's 'Glass' is No. 1 with \$40.6M debut

By JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — M. Night Shyamalan scored his fifth No. 1 movie as the director's "Glass," while not quite the blockbuster some expected, nevertheless dominated Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend at the box office with \$40.6 million in ticket sales according to studio estimates Sunday.

Universal Pictures predicted that "Glass" will make about \$47 million over the four-day holiday weekend. Some industry forecasts had gone as high as \$75 million over four days. But poor reviews took some of the momentum away from "Glass," Shyamalan's final entry in a trilogy begun with 2000's "Unbreakable" and followed up with 2017's "Split."

Shyamalan's film registered a 35 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Audiences also gave it a mediocre B Cinema Score.

Yet the result still proved the renewed draw of Shyamalan, the "Sixth Sense"



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Samuel L. Jackson in a scene from M. Night Shyamalan's "Glass."

filmmaker synonymous with supernatural thrillers and unpredictable plot twists. "Split," which greatly overshoot expectations with a \$40 million opening and \$278.5 million worldwide, signaled Shyamalan's return as a box-office force, now teamed up with horror

factory Blumhouse Productions. Shyamalan, himself, put up the film's approximately \$20 million budget. Jim Orr, president of domestic distribution for Universal, said any forecasts beyond how "Glass" performed were out of whack with the studio's own expectations. Orr granted that better reviews might

have meant a larger return and that the winter storm across the Midwest and Northeast may have dampened results. But he said Universal was thrilled with the results. The four-day total ranks "Glass" as the third best MLK weekend openings ever, behind only "American Sniper" (\$107.2 million)

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and "Ride Along" (\$48.6 million). "Glass" also picked up \$48.5 million overseas, where Disney had distribution rights.

"This came in at or above any reasonable industry expectations," said Orr. Last week's top film, Kevin Hart's "The Upside," held especially well in its second weekend, sliding only 23 percent with \$15.7 million. STX Entertainment estimated it will take \$19.5 million over the four-day period, offering further proof that Hart's fallout as Oscar host over past homophobic tweets hasn't hurt his box office appeal.

But the weekend's biggest surprise was the Japanese anime film "Dragon Ball Super: Broly," which earned an estimated \$8.7 million on the weekend from just 1,250 North American theaters, according to Comscore, and \$19.5 million since opening Wednesday. (It grossed more than \$7 million just on opening day.) The Funimation Films release, an animated martial arts fantasy, is the 20th film in the "Dragon Ball" franchise. □

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Anthony Rapp hopes he did 'his part to 'change the culture'

By JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Anthony Rapp said he came forward with sexual misconduct allegations against Kevin Spacey because he feared assaults could "keep happening" if he said nothing.

The younger actor spoke about the incident on the red carpet for the second season of his streaming series, "Star Trek Discovery" on Thursday in New York. He said he hoped he did his part to "change the culture."

In 2017, Rapp alleged that Spacey made an unwanted sexual advance during a house party in 1986 when he was 14 and Spacey was 26. Rapp sought legal counsel at the time, but no



Actor Anthony Rapp attends the "Star Trek: Discovery" season two premiere at the Conrad New York on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, in New York.

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charges were filed. The incident was dormant until a flurry of sexual mis-

conduct allegations surfaced about Harvey Weinstein, prompting Rapp to come forward. Spacey responded that he did not remember such an encounter but apologized if the allegations were true.

More than a year later, Rapp is proud of the decision to tell his story. "I know that it's something that needs continued movement forward and I'm going to keep doing my best to be a part of the movement forward," Rapp said.

"I was just concerned that that it would be something that could keep happening, so if I could do something that could make a difference, I was eager to." His "Star Trek Discovery" co-star Wilson Cruz said Rapp was being humble.

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'Rambo,' 'Total Recall' producer Andy Vajna dies at 74

By PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Andy Vajna, a Hungarian-American film producer who worked on several "Rambo" movies with Sylvester Stallone, "Total Recall" with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Madonna's "Evita," has died. He was 74.

Vajna, who produced many other films, died Sunday at his Budapest home after a long illness, Hungary's National Film Fund said. Schwarzenegger remembered Vajna as "a dear friend and a revolutionary force in Hollywood."

"He proved that you don't need studios to make huge movies," Schwarzenegger posted on Twitter. "He had a huge heart, and he was one of the most generous guys around. I'll miss him." Stallone paid tribute to Vajna on Instagram, calling him "a pioneer" and "the man that made Rambo"



In this Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017 photo government commissioner in charge of the development of Hungary's film industry, Andy Vajna, participates in a discussion in the headquarters of the Hungarian National Film Fund in Budapest.

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happen. Vajna believed in "First Blood," the first Rambo film, "when no one else did. This truly breaks my heart," Stallone said.

Vajna was also owner of the TV2 Group, a Hungarian company which owns several television channels, including TV2, one of Hungary's two main broadcasters and politically aligned

closely with Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government. "We are bidding farewell to the greatest Hungarian film producer," Orban posted on his Facebook page. "Hasta la vista, Andy! Thank you for everything, my friend!"

Since 2011, Vajna had been a commissioner in the Orban government, in

charge of developing Hungary's film industry.

Hungarian films have won several top prizes at recent international festivals. In 2016, "Son of Saul," financed mostly by Hungary's National Film Fund, won the Oscar for best foreign language film.

The producer was born Andras Gyorgy Vajna in Budapest on Aug. 1, 1944, and escaped Hungary's communist regime in 1956 with help from the International Red Cross. After some time in Canada, he was reunited with his family in Los Angeles. After studying at UCLA, Vajna operated cinemas in Hong Kong, where he also established a successful wig-making company.

In the mid-1970s, Vajna set up Carolco, a film production firm, with Mario Kassar. Besides the Rambo series, the two men were also behind films like "Victory" — starring Stallone, Michael Caine and Pele; "Red

Heat" and "Total Recall," starring Schwarzenegger; and "Angel Heart" and "Johnny Handsome" with Mickey Rourke.

After leaving Carolco in 1989, Vajna's films included "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," "Die Hard with a Vengeance," "The Scarlet Letter," "Nixon" and "I Spy."

He also produced several successful Hungarian films and was co-owner of Korda Studios, in the village of Etyek, near Budapest, where "The Martian," "Inferno" and "Hellboy II: The Golden Army" were filmed. Late last year, Vajna was among a handful of businesspeople close to Orban who donated most of their media holdings to a non-profit foundation overseen by an Orban ally, a move which put over 470 publications under even closer political control.

Vajna is survived by his wife, Timea. □

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